

and 76 have been added to Figure 4 for clarity. Similarly, reference numerals 44, 46, 48 and 50 have been added to Figure 5 for clarity. No new matter is added.

In the Claims:

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Please enter the following amendments to Claims 1, 6, 12, 13 and 20.

1. (Amended) In an imaging system including a system housing and a cartridge opening formed in the system housing, a printing consumable [holding] loading assembly [within the system housing, a printing consumable loading assembly] comprising [the following]:

[at least one consumable-containing cartridge;

at least one opening in the system housing having a size and shape adapted to permit the consumable-containing cartridge to pass therethrough; and]

a [guide assembly] cartridge holding assembly including a guide assembly, the cartridge holding assembly connected to the imaging system within the housing; and [adapted to receive a consumable-containing cartridge as it is inserted through the opening in the system housing, the guide assembly guiding the consumable-containing cartridge into an in-use position within the printing consumable holding assembly.]

a consumable-containing cartridge insertable into the guide assembly, the guide assembly adapted to receive the consumable-containing cartridge as it is inserted through the cartridge opening of the imaging system housing, the guide assembly adapted to guide the consumable-containing cartridge to into an in-use position within the cartridge holding assembly.

6. (Amended) A printing consumable loading assembly

according to claim 1[, wherein the at least one consumable-containing cartridge comprises] further comprising a plurality of consumable-containing cartridges insertable into the cartridge holding assembly of the guide assembly, the guide assembly adapted to receive the plurality of consumable-containing cartridges when inserted through the cartridge opening of the imaging system housing, the guide assembly adapted to guide the plurality of consumable-containing cartridges into an in-use position within the cartridge holding assembly.

12. (Amended) A printing consumable loading assembly according to claim 1, further comprising a hinged door over the [at least one] cartridge opening in the system housing.

13. (Amended) [In a] An imaging system [including a system housing having an access door movable between an open position and a closed position, and a printing consumable holding assembly within the system housing, a printing consumable loading assembly] comprising [the following]:

an imaging system housing;

[a consumable-containing cartridge;]

the imaging system housing including at least one cartridge opening [in the system housing having a size and shape adapted to permit the consumable-containing cartridge to pass therethrough]; [and]

a printing consumable loading assembly including,

a [guide assembly] cartridge holding assembly including a guide assembly, the cartridge holding assembly connected to the imaging system within the housing; and [adapted to receive a consumable-containing cartridge as it is inserted through the opening in the system housing, the guide assembly guiding the consumable-containing cartridge into an in-use position within the printing consumable holding assembly.]

a [guide assembly] cartridge holding assembly including a guide assembly, the cartridge holding assembly connected to the imaging system within the housing; and [adapted to receive a consumable-containing cartridge as

it is inserted through the opening in the system housing, the guide assembly guiding the consumable-containing cartridge into an in-use position within the printing consumable holding assembly.]

at least one consumable-containing cartridge insertable into the cartridge holding assembly of the guide assembly, the guide assembly adapted to receive the at least one consumable-containing cartridge as it is inserted through the at least one cartridge opening of the imaging system housing, the guide assembly adapted to transport the consumables cartridge into an in-use position within the cartridge holding assembly.

20. (Amended) [In an imaging system including a system housing having an access door movable between an open position and a closed position, and a printing consumable holding assembly within the system housing, a] A method of loading [printing consumables] a consumable-containing cartridge in an imaging system including an imaging system housing including a cartridge opening formed in the system housing and a printing consumable loading assembly including a guide assembly having a cartridge holding assembly, the guide assembly aligned with the cartridge opening of the imaging system housing, the method comprising the following steps:

[providing a consumable-containing cartridge;

providing least one opening in the system housing having a size and shape adapted to permit the consumable-containing cartridge to pass therethrough;

providing a guide assembly connected to the imaging system within the housing, the guide assembly being adapted to receive and grasp a consumable-containing cartridge as it is inserted through the opening in the system housing;]

inserting the consumable-containing cartridge into the printing consumable loading assembly through the cartridge opening formed in the system housing; and